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Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee

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**2011/12 FINANCE REPORT, INCLUDING UPDATE ON FUNDING REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report considers the devolved funding allocated to the Ellesmere Area Local Joint Committee (LJC) for the period 1 April 2011 up until 31 March 2012.
- 1.2 A total of £17,584 has been devolved to the committee to fund projects in the local community served by the LJC for 2011/12.
- 1.3 A planning meeting takes place to discuss applications for funding and agree recommendations to be taken to the LJC where decisions will be made.
- 1.4 Eight applications have been received for this reporting period. These were considered at the planning meeting held on 19 October 2011. The recommendations from the planning meeting are listed in this report.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the LJC considers the applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report. The recommendation is to approve or not approve the following funding applications as detailed:

H	Petton Church	£ 780
I	Welshampton Bonfire Committee- Community Theatre	£ 500
J	Welsh Frankton Village Hall Society	£1500
K	Levi Court Community Room	£ 546
K	Crifins Bowling Club	£1000
L	Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce	£ 615
M	Shelton Hospital- Art Commission	Not Approved
N	Dial a Ride	£ 585.75
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 5526.75</b>

## **REPORT**

### **3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal**

- 3.1 In determining this recommendation the Council has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.
- 3.2 The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- 3.3 The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven activity in the LJC area.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The funding devolved to the LJC can be used for a number of different purposes over the year. At the present time, the Committee has not allocated funds to any specific purposes but has indicated that it will receive applications from local organisations for eligible purposes. Funding by the LJC must comply with the general Financial Rules for LJC's.

### **5. Background**

- 5.1 From 1 April 2009 Shropshire Council created 28 Local Joint Committees (LJC) to operate across the whole of Shropshire. The LJC's are legally constituted decision making Committees of Shropshire Council
- 5.2 The LJC for Ellesmere wards has membership from Shropshire Council (3 members) and parish councils (4 members) all with equal voting rights.
- 5.3 One of the responsibilities of the LJC is to determine expenditure of the devolved budget. A budget of £ 17,584 has been made available to the LJC for the current financial year. This is made up of £14,000 from the LJC budget; £1,044 from the arts funding which has been transferred to the LJC and £2,540 carryover from this LJC's' 2010/11 budget .The total recommended value for projects put forward in this round total £5,526.95 leaving a remaining balance £8,654.25 for future funding requests.
- 5.4 The committee have agreed that the annual budget should be equally split between the three meetings and under spend carried forward to the next meeting. The meeting on 13 March 2011 will have a budget of £8,654.25. There will be no carry forward to 2012-2013.

## **6. Additional Information**

6.1 A summary of applications has been compiled and included below.

### **6.2 Petton Church – Replacement Boundary Fence**

6.2.1 This project has been submitted by the Parochial Church Council and seeks to complete a review of the church perimeter fence. Total funds required £1,080. with £300 match funding available.

6.2.2 Need and Demand – This is a small church that is a catalyst for community activity in a rural location.

### **6.3 Welshampton Bonfire Committee - Welshampton Community**

6.3.1 This project has been submitted by Welshampton Bonfire Committee in order to support and develop a local theatre group. The group wish to stage 4 performances in 2012 and need staging and lighting to support the production. The grant will cover hire of staging and lighting for the performance. Total funds required £1,900, with £1,150 match funding available.

6.3.2 Need and demand – This group will get local people involved and community activities throughout the year during rehearsals. The performance will be a community event and attract funds for future performances.

### **6.4 Welsh Frankton Village Hall – Load and Clear**

6.4.1 This project has been submitted by Welsh Frankton Village Hall Committee in order to implement a further stage of hall refurbishment. The hall is used by 5 user groups and hosts 15-20 community functions in addition to private hire for parties and social activity. They wish to purchase a commercial glass washer and pa system. Total funds required £2,581, with £1,081.25 match funding available.

6.4.2 Need and demand – This request is part of an aspiration to improve the offer to users. The group are preparing an application to Awards For All for further funding.

### **6.5 Levi Court Residents Group – Levi Court Refurbishment**

6.5.1 This application has been submitted by Levi Court Residents Group. The project will provide equipment and items to refurbish the community space which is used for meetings and social activity. Total funds required £3,759.54, with no allocation for match funding.

6.5.2 Need and demand – The existing refurbishment is part of plan from the residents group to increase the use. The facility is used for regular meetings and currently very dated.

## 6.6 Criftins Bowling Club – Crown Green Bowling Renovation Project

6.6.1 This application has been submitted by Criftins Bowling Club to enable them to purchase a refurbished grass cutter for the bowling green and improve the watering system. Total project cost £3,700.00 with £500 match funding available.

6.6.2 Need and demand – The club supports in the region of 36 adults and 15 young people. Improving the facility will encourage further development of a popular activity.

## 6.7 Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce – Ellesmere Promotional Leaflet

6.7.1 This application has been submitted by Ellesmere Chamber of Commerce to support the cost of re printing an updated version of their informative leaflet. The leaflet promotes local events, businesses and attractions. It is distributed to visitors and through countywide outlets. The group will produce 15,000 new leaflets at a total project cost £895.00 with £280 match funding.

6.7.2 Need and demand – The leaflet is a fine example of market town promotion and is aimed at improving visitor awareness.

## 6.8 Shelton Hospital - Global Village Proposal

6.8.1 This application has been submitted by South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare Trust. Shelton Mental Health Hospital and there need for support to fund the art within the site. The new facility will be called the Redwoods Centre and the other buildings in the health village will be called Clee, Caradoc, Wrekin and Wenlock to reflect the Shropshire wide involvement in the facility. They hope to commission the art work at the start of 2012 with much of it being developed in the run up to the Olympics. The new hospital is scheduled to open in September 2012. Total project cost £52,900 with £44,900. Match funding available. Please note this project requests £500 from LJC2 on the basis they serve 5% of clients from the Ellesmere area.

Need and demand – This project is for a major art project for the new facility. The commission of artwork is dependant on an application for funding from the Arts Council of £30,000.

## 6.9 Oswestry Dial A Ride- Computer Upgrade

6.7.1 This application has been submitted by Oswestry Dial A Ride to support the cost of installing new computer software to improve the service offered to clients. The group currently serve 60 clients from the Ellesmere area and offer a service to local people who have transport needs. Total project cost £11,260.00 with match funding of £10,674.

## **Conclusions**

The applications recommended were considered to be of benefit to the community, following need, demand and assessment checklist. The LJC considers the

applications received, and awards funding to those organisations and their projects as recommended in this report.

8.0 The next LJC meeting is scheduled to take place at 7.00pm on 13 March 2012. **(venue to be confirmed)** Application closing date will be 10 February 2012.

Bids for future funding should be address to:

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**List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)**

Draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2011/12-2012/14, Appendix 5. Report to Cabinet 13 January 2011-07-04

Locality Working Local joint Committees. Report to Cabinet 9 December 2010

**Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)**

Councillor Gwilym Butler

**Local Member**

Councillor Brian Williams  
Councillor Ann Hartley  
Councillor Steve Davenport

**Appendices**

None